

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2013.

**Subject(s)**

1. Annual federal cost-of-living changes.

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Cost-of-Living  
Changes****FAP****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living update for Food Assistance Program (FAP) standards. The update will appear in budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2013.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined the maximum monthly net income limit for one and two member households is decreased from last year. Additionally, FNS determined the heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits is decreased from \$575 to \$553 per month and non-heat electric standard is decreased from \$128 per month to \$127 per month. The other standards have a minimal increase, decrease or remain the same.

*Reason:* Annual standards update.

***Communication Plan:*** Weekly Staff News.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**RFT 250**

**RFT 255**

**RFT 260**